

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, January 12, 2009

Summary Notes

Board members present: Jim Gibson, Bob Moir, Brian Donegan, Jeff Murphy, Dennis Burstein, John Timmons, Richard Stone, Bill Rivers

Staff members present: William Chesley, Mac Slover

Guests: Roger Blakeley (ADPR&CA)

Jim opened the meeting by asking Board members to review the December minutes. The minutes were approved as written. He also indicated that some of the coaches from T. C. Williams would be attending a meeting in the future. Included would be the basketball coaches and the Cross Country coach.

The Board now reviewed the draft letter regarding full funding of fields. After a discussion, the members of the Board approved the letter and gave their authorization to use their names and associations on the letter. Bill will finalize the letter and work with Jim to get the letter signed and delivered. While the letter is addressed to Ms. Guse-Noritake at the Park and Recreation Commission, copies will be provided to City Council members as well as other City officials.

Roger then outlined certain significant dates coming up for the next budget:

- February 10th – the City Manager presents the budget to Council;
- February 23rd will be a CIP work session;
- March 16th will be a CIP follow-up; and
- April 13th will be a public hearing.

In response to an inquiry, William indicated that the new Houston Recreation Center is just about finished. Should open in February. However redoing Patrick Henry is at least 4 years out now.

Jim then asked Board members to give a status of their sports during the winter.

Mac:

- Volleyball
 - Finished December 8th
 - 8 teams
 - Good progress shown
- Youth Basketball
 - Started this past weekend
 - Off to a good start

- Under 14 girls will play against Arlington teams
- While Houston's numbers are down this year (due to the reconstruction of the Rec Center), a big increase is expected next year in the number of teams from there due to the new building
- Bill mentioned that the staff cutbacks were apparent because teams had to supply clock operators now; more pressure to make sure things are done correctly
- Softball/Baseball
 - Registration underway
 - High schools are doing clinics now
 - The City is exploring joining Arlington in the softball program
- Mac met with Jeff about expanding rugby
 - Will work with the P. E. classes at schools
 - Other efforts to expand it as well.

Dennis (Schools):

- The T. C swim teams picked up a rare double win this past week
- There will be a staff development meeting for P. E. teachers this Wednesday
- Looking to expand P. E. at the elementary school level

Brian (Lacrosse):

- Registration is going on now
- Try-outs being held for the "A" teams (Under 11/13/15 levels)
- May expand to "C" teams this year due to the level of participation
- Teams will be formed by the end of February
- Jim mentioned that there should be enough cross-over players from football to have 2 or 3 new Lacrosse teams
- Bob added that they are considering an Under 17 level since some schools do not have an appropriate program

Jeff (Rugby):

- USA Rugby is looking at new programs for younger players
- They are also looking for cross-over from other sports

Richard (Girls sports):

- An informal 12 and Under softball team participated in a fall Fairfax league

John (Soccer):

- Started Spring registration
- Anticipating more growth in the program

Jim (Football):

- Quiet time of the year for them
- Focusing on getting coaches identified and prepared

Jim opened up a discussion on new business by stating that he had contact with Northern Virginia Community College. They were interested in supporting youth sports – possibly having students help with coaching. Jim will share the contact information with all Board members.

He also indicated that the T. C. Athletic Director – Bob McKeig – may be at the February meeting.

The next meeting date will be February 9th. Mac will send out the agenda.